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SUBJECT: SADAT VISIT

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

1. FOLLOWING ARE POINTS YOU CAN MAKE RE SADAT VISIT IN
DISCUSSION WITH RABIN AND HIS COLLEAGUES.

2. FROM THE BEGINNING, WE VIEWED THIS VISIT IN THE PER-
SPECTIVE OF THE EVOLUTION OF U.S.-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS OVER
THE PAST TWO YEARS. THE MAIN PURPOSES OF THE VISIT WERE (A)
TO CONSOLIDATE THE REORIENTATION OF EGYPTIAN POLICIES
AWAY FROM THE USSR AND TOWARD THE WEST AND TO SOLIDIFY THE
FOUNDATIONS OF US-EGYPTIAN COOPERATION IN THE PEACE EFFORT
AND (B) TO BROADEN UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT IN THE US FOR
THE PEACEMAKING PROCESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IN BOTH OF THES
RESPECTS, WE THINK THE VISIT WAS SUCCESSFUL. IT WAS THESE

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RATHER THAN ANY SPECIFIC NEGOTIATIONS THAT WERE THE MAIN

PURPOSE OF THE VISIT. THERE WERE ALSO POINTS ON WHICH WE DISAGREED-- E.G., THE PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION QUESTION AND THE ZIONISM ISSUE.

3. WE, OF COURSE, DISCUSSED THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING THE MOMENTUM OF NEGOTIATIONS. PRESIDENT SADAT MADE CLEAR PRIVATELY AS WELL AS PUBLICLY HIS VIEW THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR US NOW TO WORK FOR A SYRIAN NEGOTIATION AND TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE PALESTINIANS. WE, OF COURSE, DID NOT GET INTO DETAIL ON THESE SUBJECTS, NOR DID SADAT ASK US TO DO SO. WE TOLD HIM WE WOULD BE THINKING IN THE DAYS AHEAD OF WAYS OF MOVING THE NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD, AND HE SEEMED TO ACCEPT THAT TIME WOULD BE NEEDED FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS. NO SCENARIOS, PLANS, OR PROPOSALS FOR NEGOTIATIONS WERE DEVELOPED BETWEEN US.

4. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE BROUGHT OUR AMBASSADOR TO SYRIA TO WASHINGTON TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR IN-HOUSE REVIEW OF POSSIBLE NEXT STEPS, BUT THIS IS IN NO WAY A CONSEQUENCE OF OUR TALKS WITH SADAT BUT RATHER A NATURAL PART OF OUR EFFORT TO REVIEW OPTIONS ON NEXT STEPS. WE, OF COURSE, EXPECT TO CONSULT FULLY WITH THE GOI.

5. SEVERAL BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED DURING THE VISIT (PL 480, DOUBLE TAXATION, MEDICAL AND HEALTH COOPERATION, AND MUSEUM EXHIBIT). THE MOST NOTABLE BILATERAL EVENT, OF COURSE, WAS INITIALING OF A STATEMENT CONTAINING THE PRINCIPLES OF OUR PROPOSED COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, WHICH WE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL THROUGH AMBASSADOR DINITZ.

6. ON THE QUESTION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE, SADAT PRESENTED HIS CASE FOR EGYPT'S DIVERSIFICATION OF ITS SOURCES OF SUPPLY. WE HAVE MADE NO DECISIONS AND HAVE LEFT THE DISCUSSION OF A SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP FOR THE FUTURE. SADAT UNDERSTANDS THAT WE ARE NOT NOW PREPARED TO MAKE ANY DECISIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. THIS IS AN ISSUE WHICH WE AND GOI SHALL HAVE TO DISCUSS TOGETHER AS TIME GOES ON.

7. IN SHORT, THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE VISIT FROM THE
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OUTSET WAS TO CONSOLIDATE THE RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED RATHER THAN TO MOVE IN MAJOR NEW DIRECTIONS, AND THE RESULTS ARE WITHIN THOSE LIMITS. KISSINGER

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